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FEATURING
THE RETURN OF
**SUPER
SONIC!**



PLUS:

BEHIND THE
SCENES MAYHEM
IN AN EXTENDED
"OFF-PANEL"
BACK-UP!

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
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When the alien Xorda threatened all life on planet Mobius, Sonic the Hedgehog was forced to team up with his worst enemy, Doctor Robotnik! Though successful, they could not prevent the activation of the Quantum Dial, a weapon capable of wiping out the entire Mobian solar system. Only Sonic possessed the power to destroy the Dial, and although it was believed that the effort would cost him his life, he acted anyway, making a heroic sacrifice.

Now, his loved ones believe him dead, but in reality, Sonic has been propelled to a far and distant galaxy!



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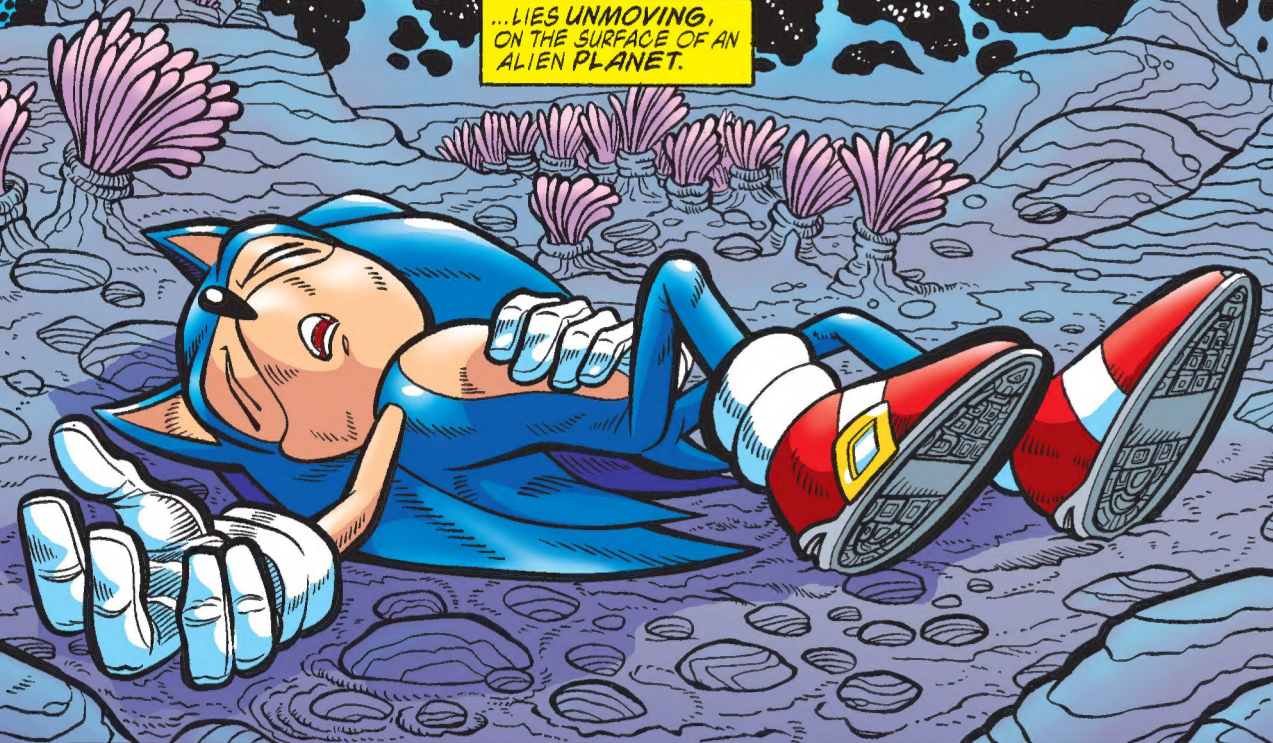
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PART ONE RED CHAOS

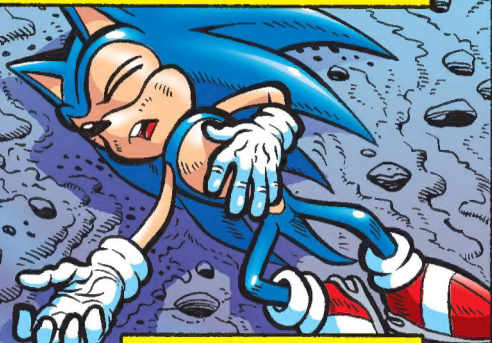
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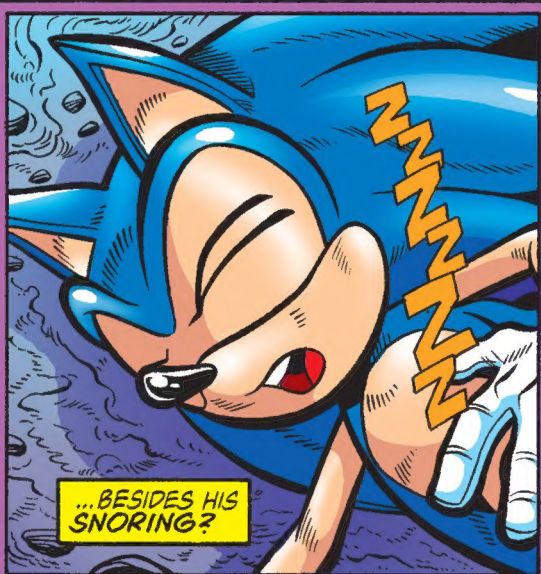
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ON THE SURFACE OF AN
ALIEN PLANET.



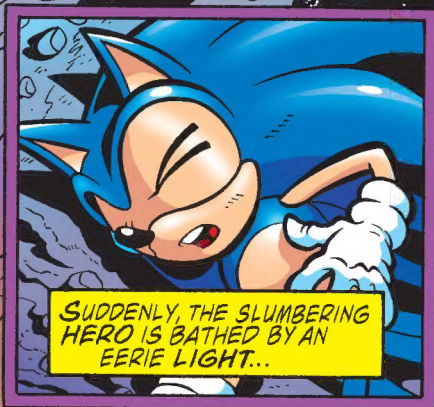
HIS LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS
BILLIONS OF LIGHT YEARS AWAY ON
HIS HOMETOWN, MOBIUS, BELIEVE
HIM DEAD.



AND WHAT REASON IS
THERE FOR US TO THINK
OTHERWISE...



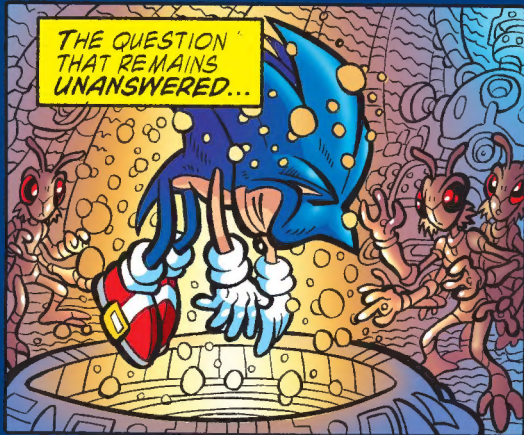
...BESIDES HIS
SNORING?



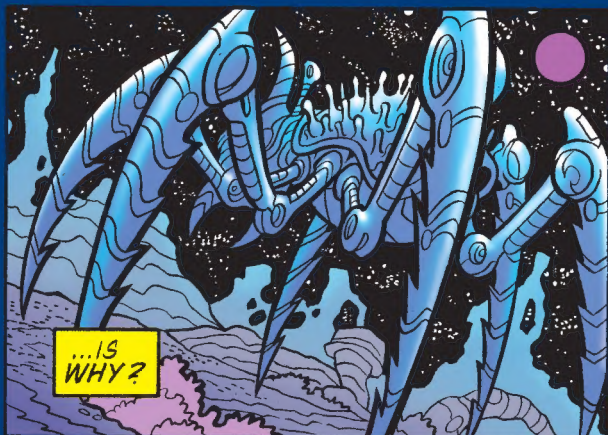
SUDDENLY, THE SLUMBERING HERO IS BATHED BY AN EERIE LIGHT...



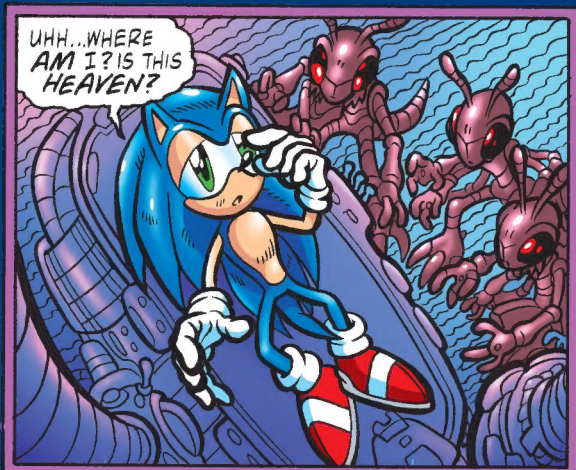
...AND SUCKED UP INTO THE MYSTERIOUS CONFINES OF A STRANGE VESSEL!



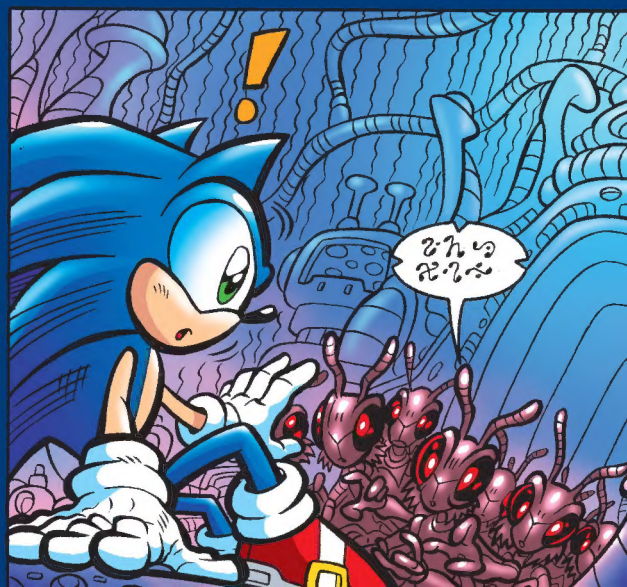
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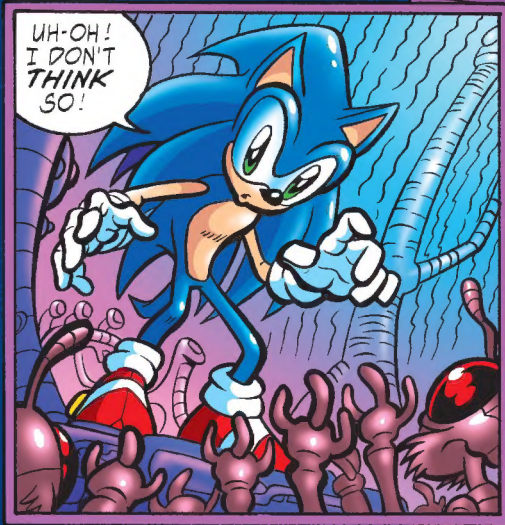
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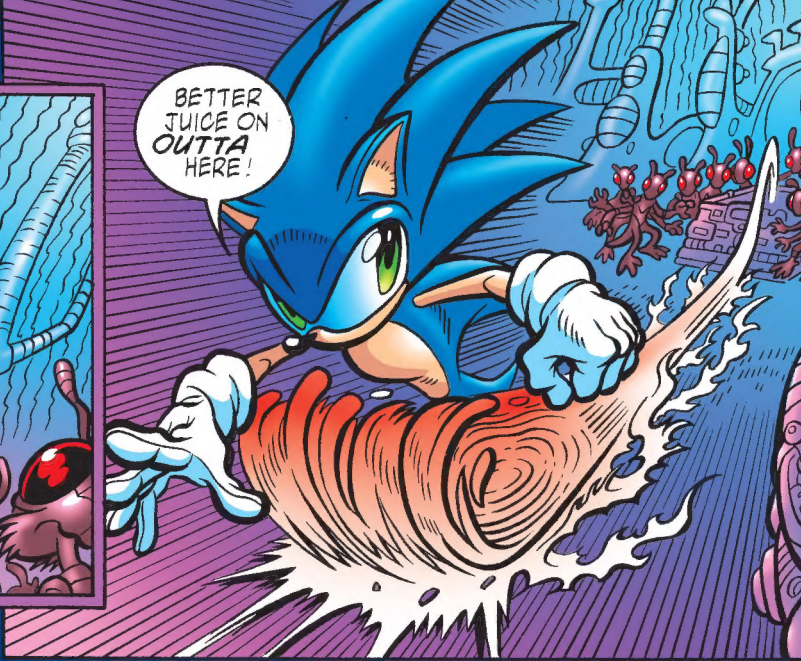
UHH...WHERE AM I? IS THIS HEAVEN?



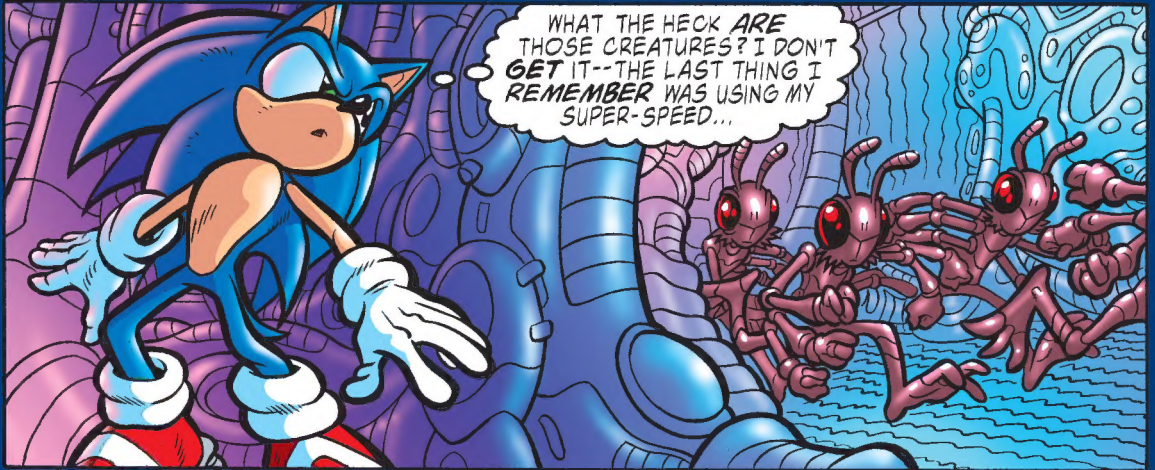
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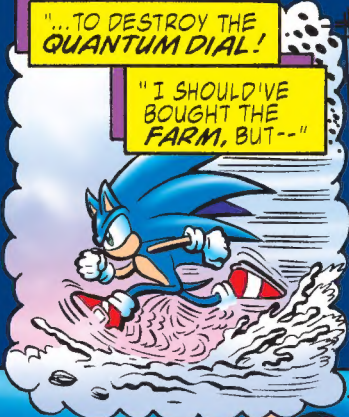
UH-OH!
I DON'T
THINK
SO!



BETTER
JUICE ON
OUTTA
HERE!

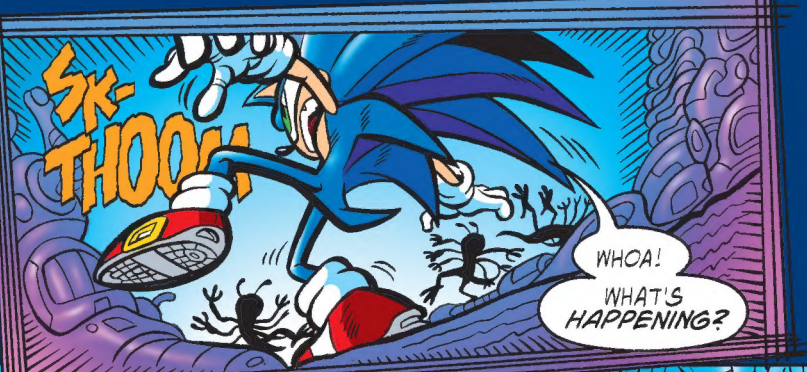


WHAT THE HECK ARE
THOSE CREATURES? I DON'T
GET IT--THE LAST THING I
REMEMBER WAS USING MY
SUPER-SPEED...



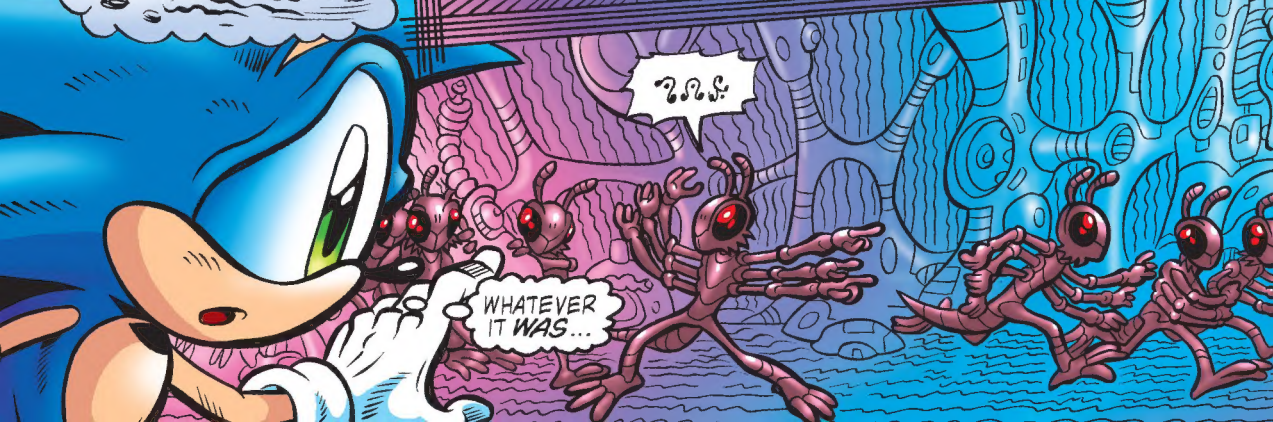
...TO DESTROY THE
QUANTUM DIAL!

"I SHOULD'VE
BOUGHT THE
FARM, BUT--"



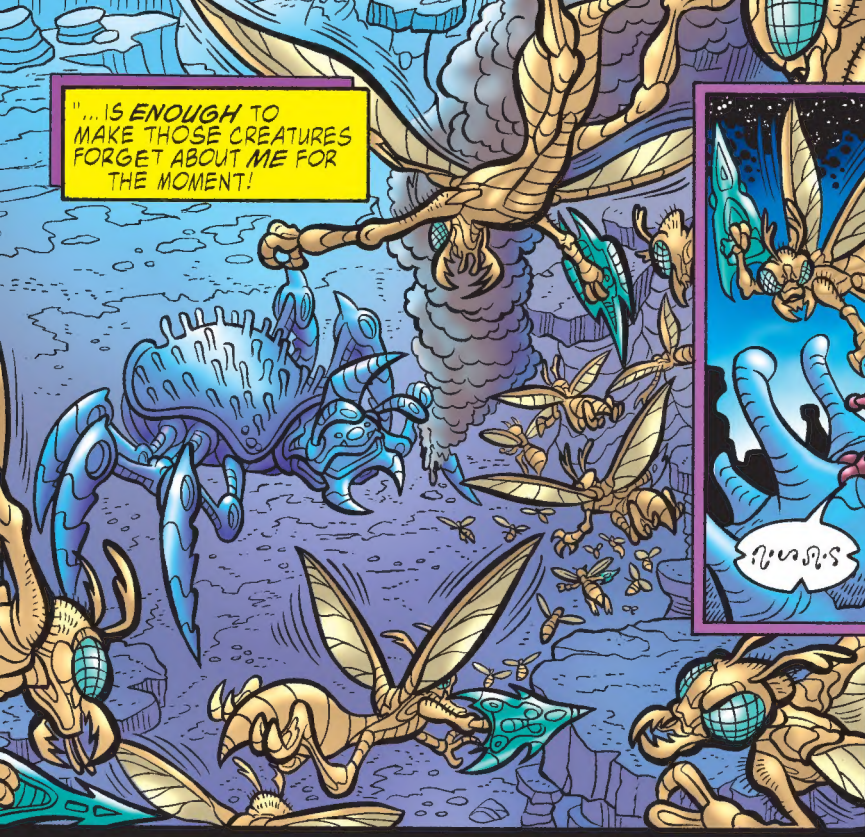
SK-
THOOH!

WHOA!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

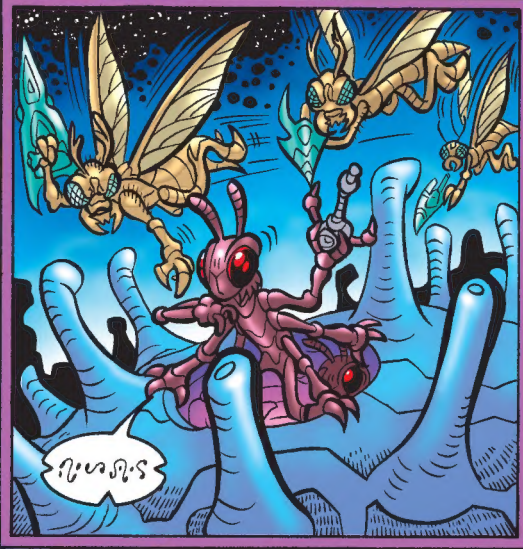


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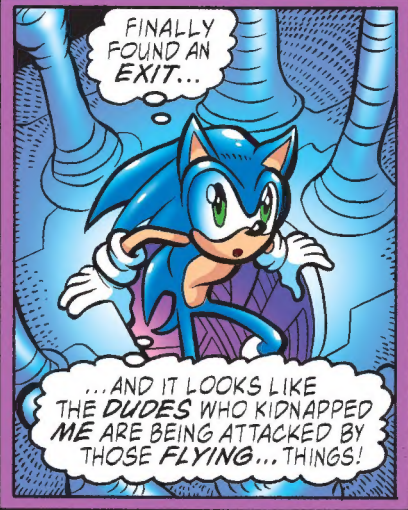
WHATEVER
IT WAS...



"...IS ENOUGH TO MAKE THOSE CREATURES FORGET ABOUT ME FOR THE MOMENT!"

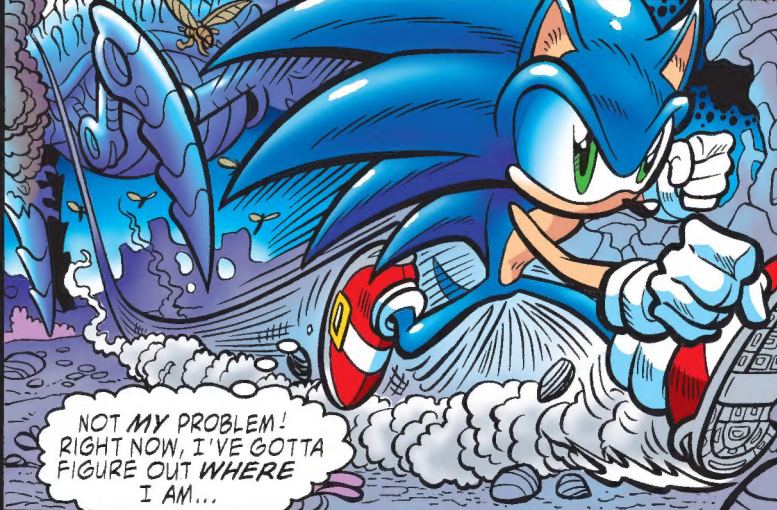


"Sonic!"

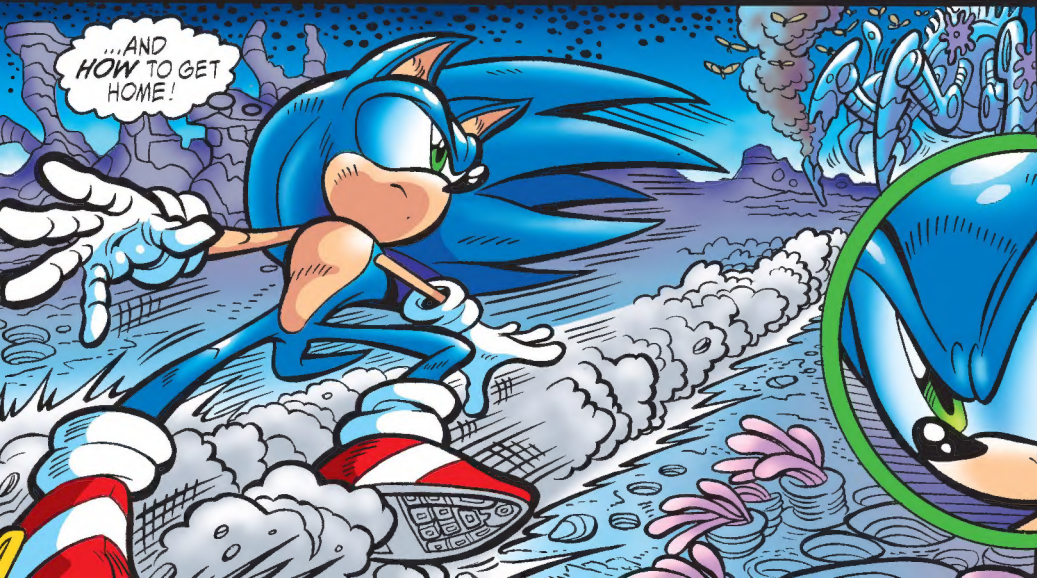


FINALLY FOUND AN EXIT...

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE DUDES WHO KIDNAPPED ME ARE BEING ATTACKED BY THOSE FLYING... THINGS!



NOT MY PROBLEM! RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHERE I AM...



...AND HOW TO GET HOME!

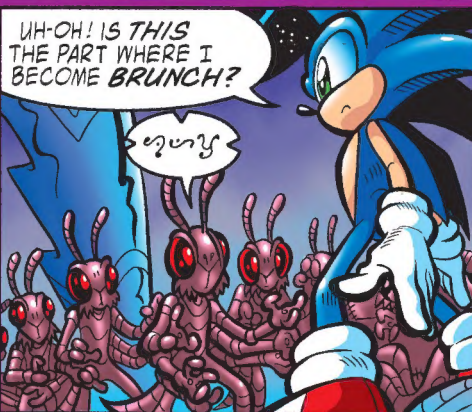


AWW...WHO AM I KIDDING?



AND THE WINNER IS...

...ME!



UH-OH! IS THIS THE PART WHERE I BECOME BRUNCH?

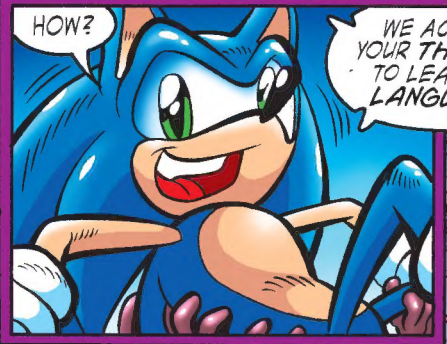
brunch



THANK YOU, BLUE-FRIEND.

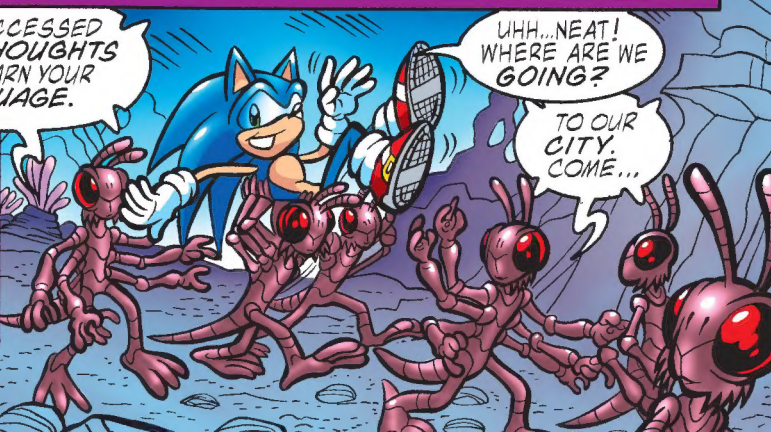


HEY, I CAN HEAR YOU IN MY MIND! IN ENGLISH!



HOW?

WE ACCESSED YOUR THOUGHTS TO LEARN YOUR LANGUAGE.

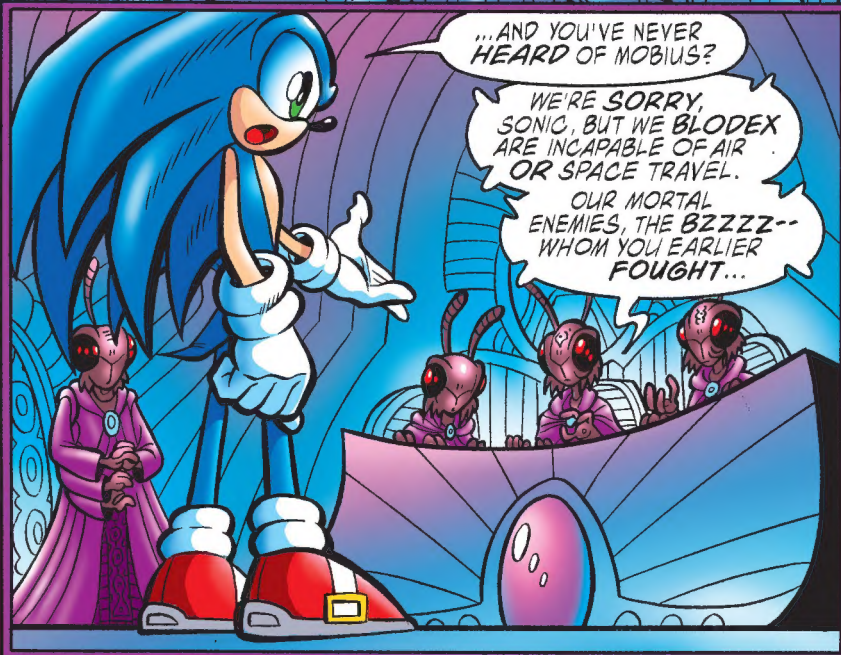


UHH...NEAT! WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO OUR CITY. COME...

"...IT ISN'T VERY FAR."

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME I'M ON A PLANET CALLED THORAXIA...

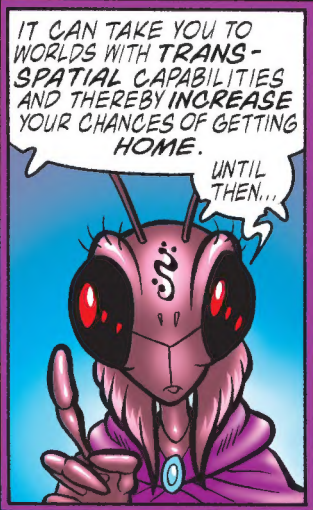
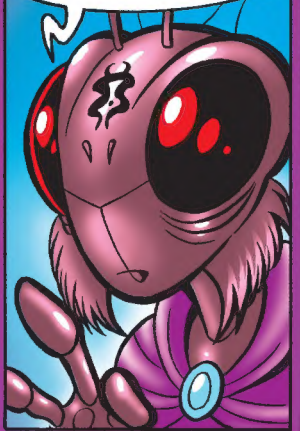


...AND YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF MOBIUS?

WE'RE SORRY, SONIC, BUT WE BLODEX ARE INCAPABLE OF AIR OR SPACE TRAVEL.

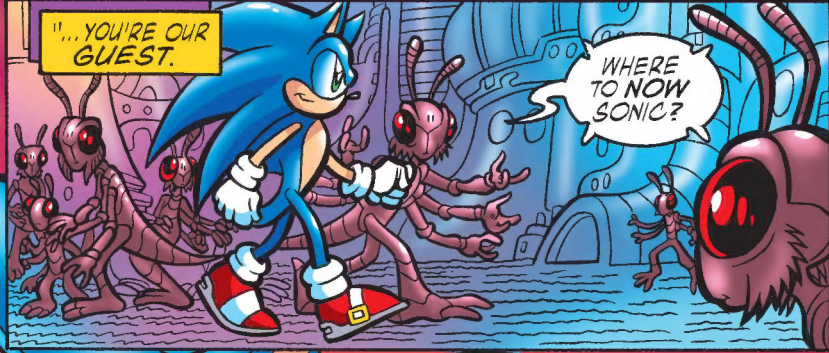
OUR MORTAL ENEMIES, THE BZZZZ-- WHOM YOU EARLIER FOUGHT...

...BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES ENTITLED TO FLIGHT-- OR LIFE. HOWEVER A D'NOVULAN TRADING VESSEL WILL ARRIVE HERE TOMORROW.



IT CAN TAKE YOU TO WORLDS WITH TRANS-SPATIAL CAPABILITIES AND THEREBY INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING HOME.

UNTIL THEN...



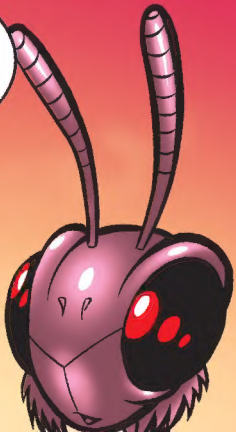
"...YOU'RE OUR GUEST."

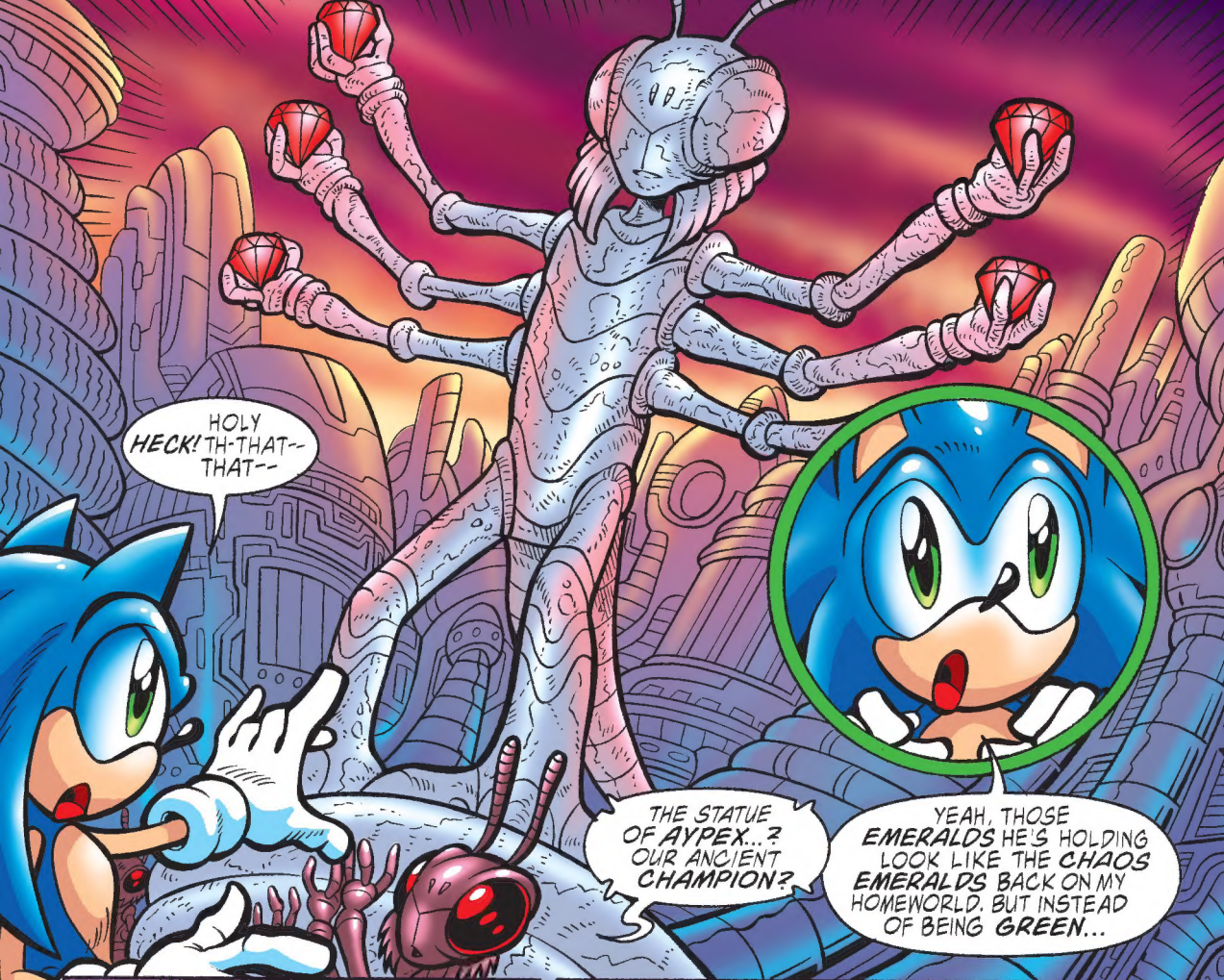
WHERE TO NOW SONIC?

GEE, DEEBLE, I DUNNO. I'VE NEVER HAD A GUIDED TOUR OF AN ALIEN CITY... OR AN ALIEN TOUR GUIDE!

WELL, I'VE NEVER GIVEN A TOUR TO A...?

HEDGEHOG. I'M A--

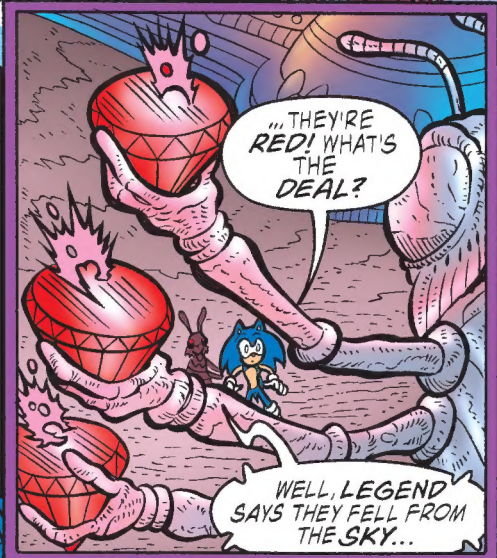




HOLY
HECK! TH-THAT--
THAT--

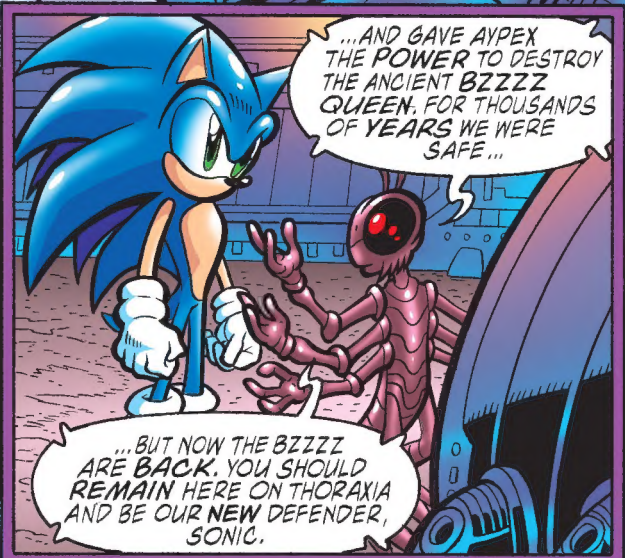
THE STATUE
OF APEXX...?
OUR ANCIENT
CHAMPION?

YEAH, THOSE
EMERALDS HE'S HOLDING
LOOK LIKE THE CHAOS
EMERALDS BACK ON MY
HOMEWORLD. BUT INSTEAD
OF BEING GREEN...



...THEY'RE
RED! WHAT'S
THE
DEAL?

WELL, LEGEND
SAYS THEY FELL FROM
THE SKY...



...AND GAVE APEXX
THE POWER TO DESTROY
THE ANCIENT BZZZZ
QUEEN. FOR THOUSANDS
OF YEARS WE WERE
SAFE ...

...BUT NOW THE BZZZZ
ARE BACK. YOU SHOULD
REMAIN HERE ON THORAXIA
AND BE OUR NEW DEFENDER,
SONIC.



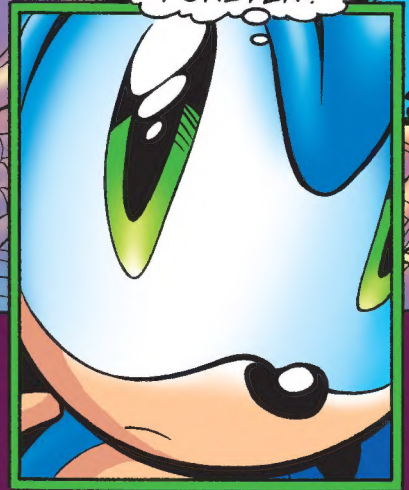
SORRY, DEEBLE,
BUT I'VE GOTTA GET BACK
TO MOBIUS, EVERYONE I
CARE ABOUT IS THERE...

...AND, EVEN
WORSE, THEY
PROBABLY THINK
I BIT THE
DUST!

LATER, LONG
AFTER DEEBLE'S
TOUR...

I MEAN, HOW DID I
WIND UP ON SOME OTHER
PLANET, IN SOME OTHER
GALAXY, ANYWAY?

AND WHAT IF
I'M LOST IN SPACE
FOREVER?



NO WAY! I'M
GONNA GET ON THAT
SHIP TOMORROW
AND FIND A WAY
HOME... EVEN IF I
DIE TRYING.

YAAWUWN!
ANYWAY, I'D BETTER
CRASH.

BZZZZZZ

WHAT'S THAT...
SOUND?

WELL,
THERE GOES
MY BEAUTY
REST!

"THE BZZZZ ARE
IN STRAIGHT-UP
ATTACK MODE..."

"...AND THEIR QUEEN
TAGGED ALONG TO
MAKE SURE THEY DO
THE JOB RIGHT!"

I'VE GOTTA DO
SOMETHING, BUT THERE'S
TOO MANY OF 'EM-- I'M
OUTNUMBERED!

RUN!
AVOID THE
QUEEN'S
STINGER--

"--HER TOXIN CAN
MELT THROUGH ANY
SUBSTANCE!"

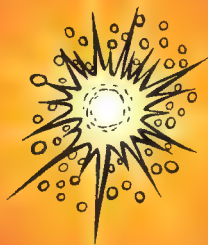
ON MOBIUS, WHEN
I ABSORB THE POWER
OF SIX GREEN CHAOS
EMERALDS I TRANSFORM
INTO SUPER SONIC.

SIX
RED ONES
SHOULD DO
THE SAME,
RIGHT?

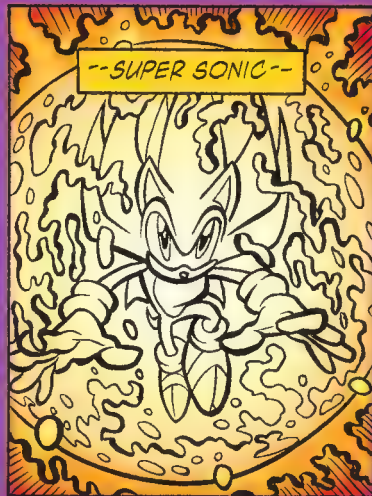
SECONDS LATER, UP FROM THE STREETS OF THE GREAT BLODEX CITY--



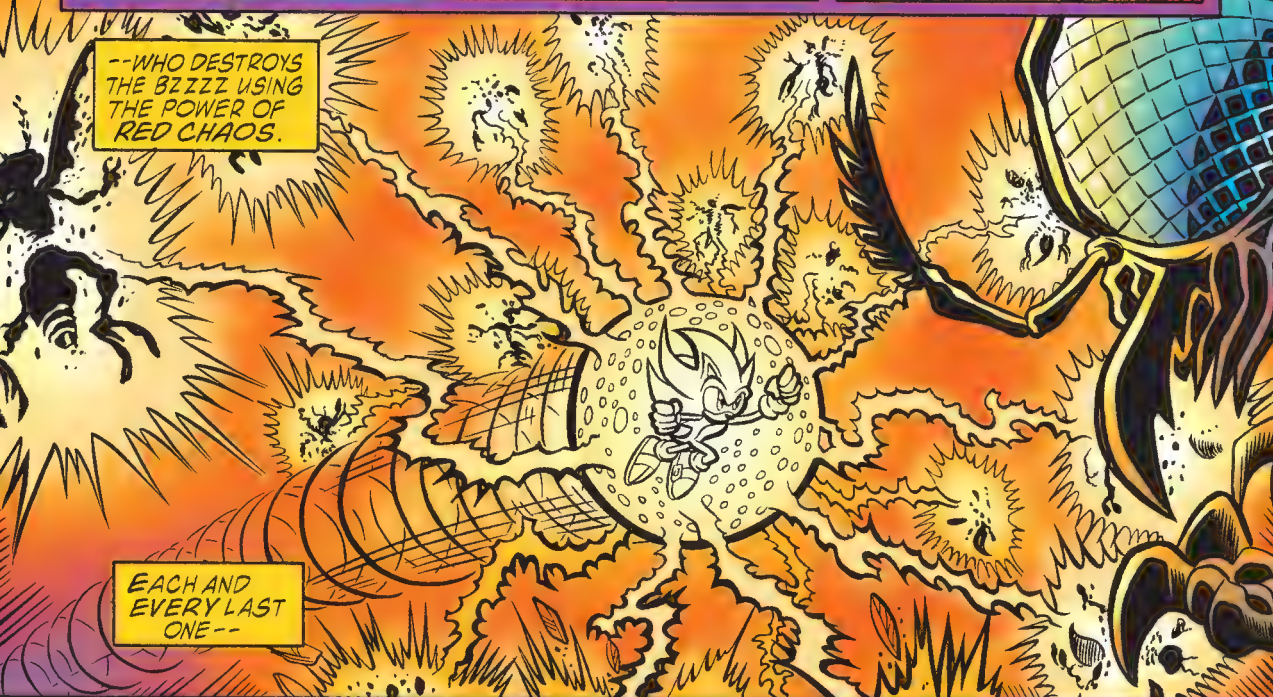
--THERE COMES A SHIMMERING, ENERGY-FILLED BEING--



--SUPER SONIC--

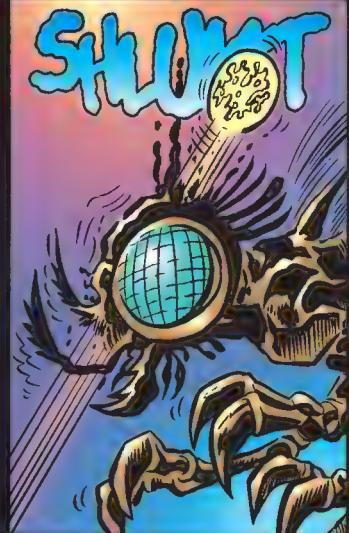


--WHO DESTROYS THE BZZZZ USING THE POWER OF RED CHAOS.

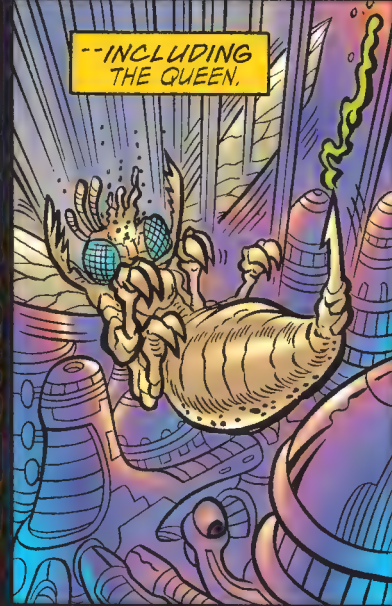


EACH AND EVERY LAST ONE--

SHUUT

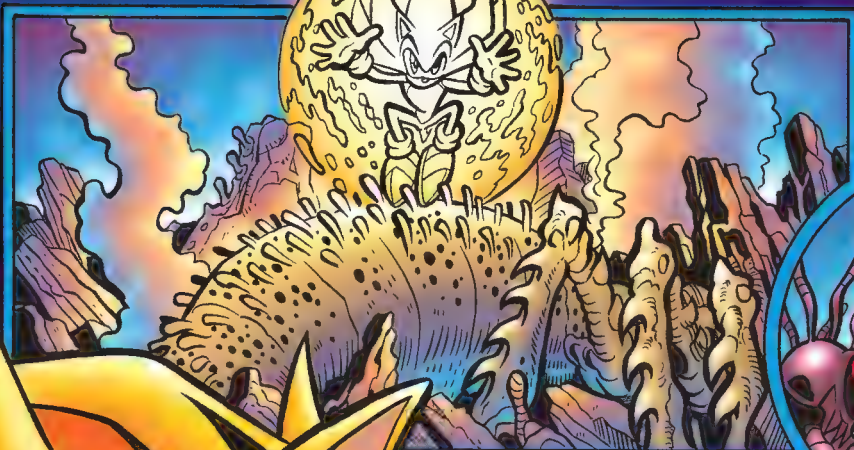


--INCLUDING THE QUEEN.



THOOM





BOY...

...I SURE WASN'T EXPECTING THAT TO HAPPEN!

End of Part 1

Tossed in Space

PART 2: HQ & SUPER HQ

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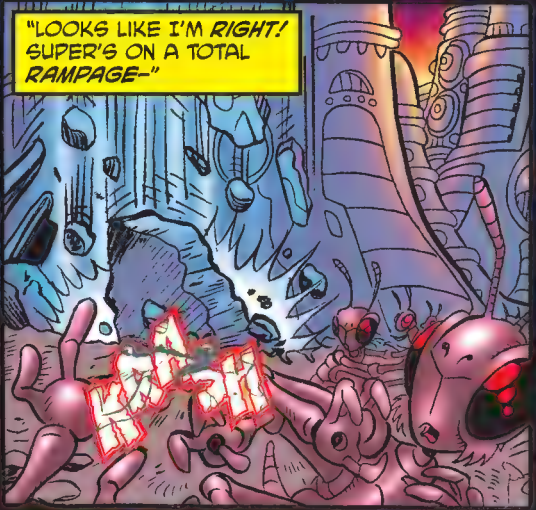
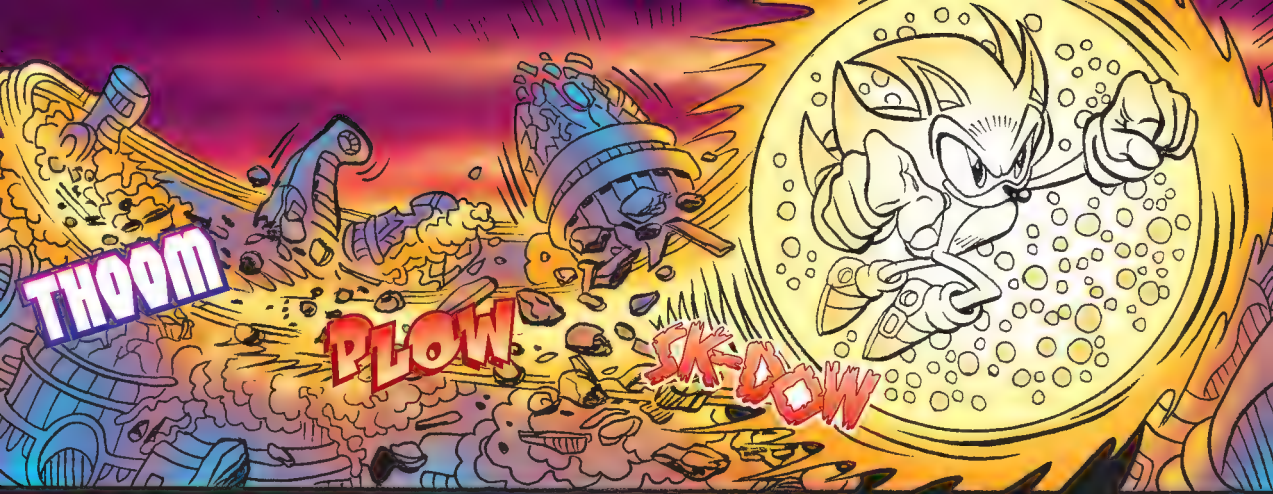
THE HEDGEHOG

NOW LET ME JUST TRY
AND WRAP MY HEDGEHOG
BRAIN AROUND THIS ONE-

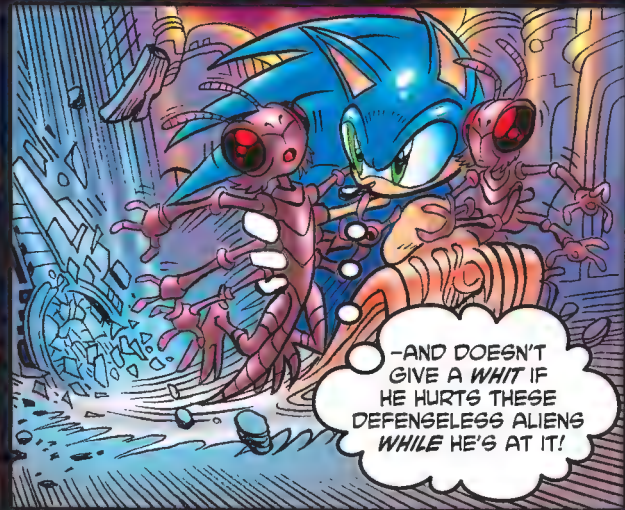
-INSTEAD OF TRANSFORMING
ME INTO SUPER SONIC THE WAY
SIX GREEN CHAOS EMERALDS DO-

-THE SIX RED ONES
WHOSE ENERGY I ABSORBED
HAVE MANIFESTED HIM AS
A SEPARATE BEING!

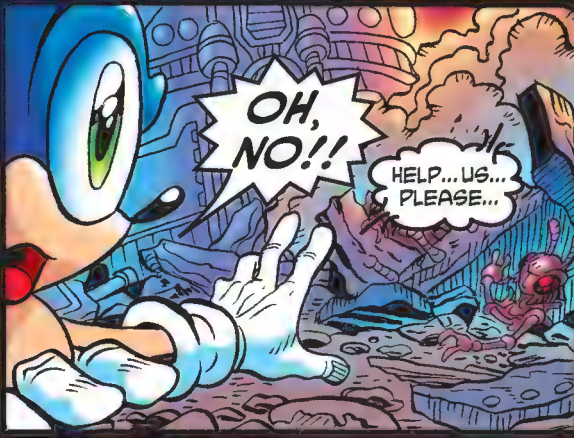
THIS
CAN'T
BE GOOD.



"LOOKS LIKE I'M RIGHT!
SUPER'S ON A TOTAL
RAMPAGE--"

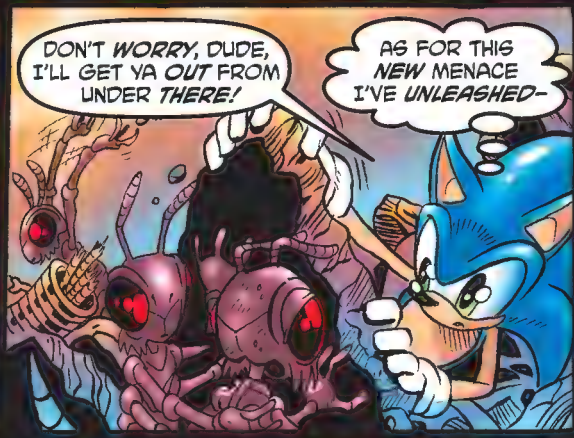


-AND DOESN'T
GIVE A WHIT IF
HE HURTS THESE
DEFENSELESS ALIENS
WHILE HE'S AT IT!



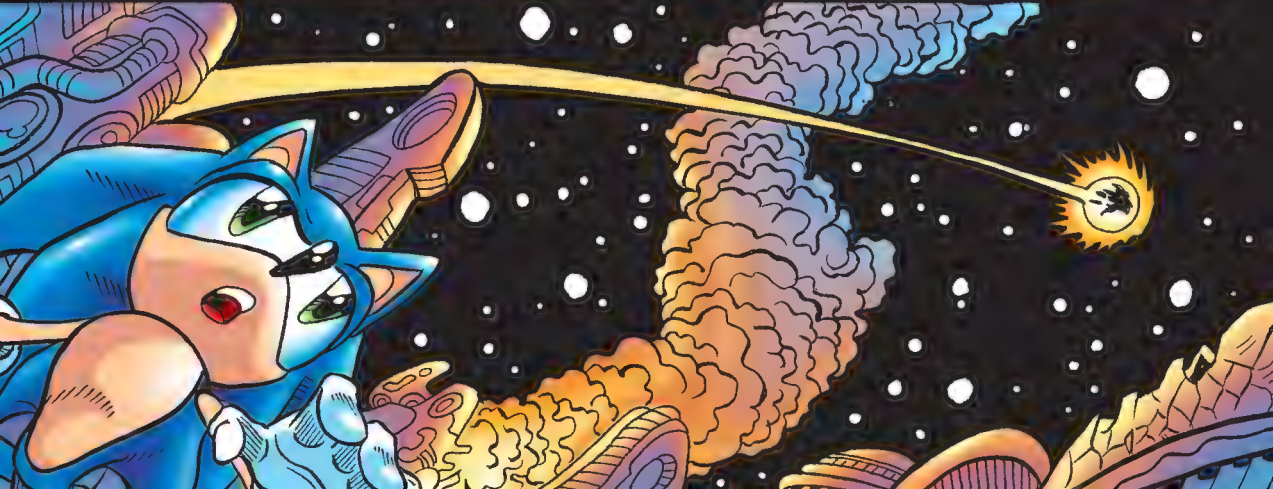
OH,
NO!!

HELP... US...
PLEASE...



DON'T WORRY, DUDE,
I'LL GET YA OUT FROM
UNDER THERE!

AS FOR THIS
NEW MENACE
I'VE UNLEASHED-

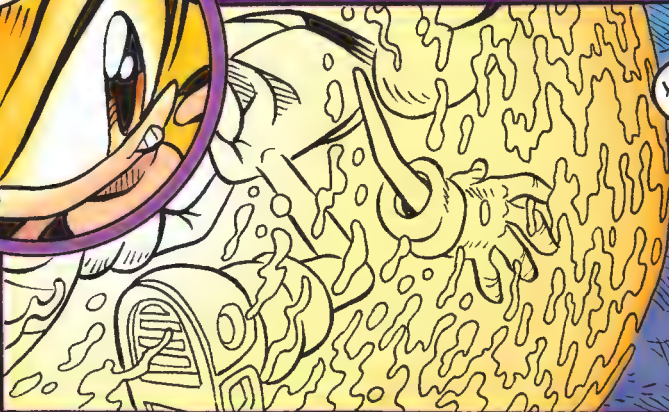


MINUTES LATER,
MILES FROM THE
ALIEN CITY...

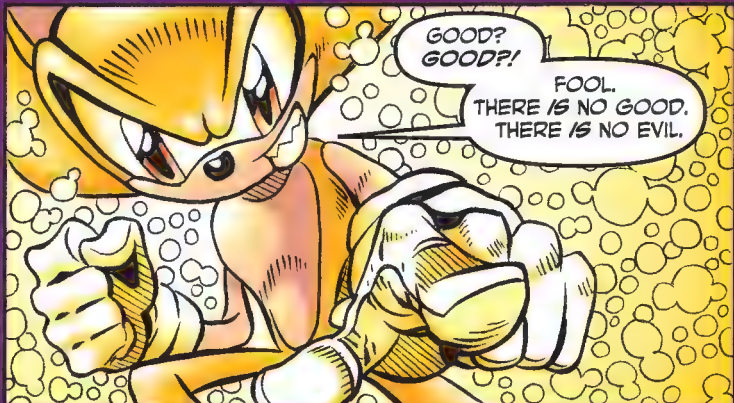
BOOM BOOM BOOM



YO-STUPID SONIC!

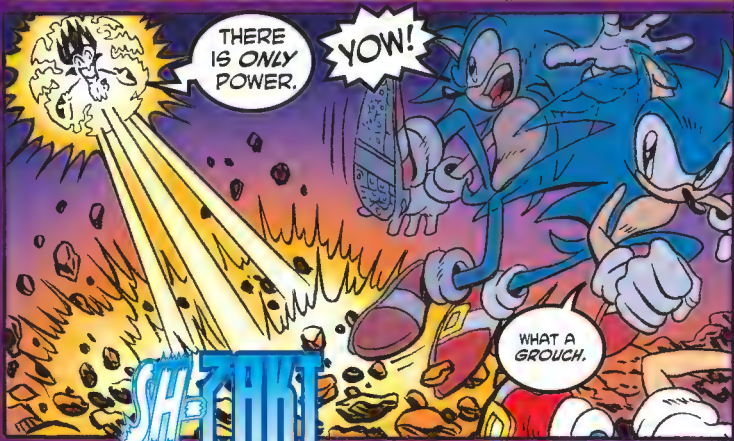


WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ONE
OF THE GOOD GUYS!



GOOD?
GOOD?!

FOOL.
THERE IS NO GOOD.
THERE IS NO EVIL.



THERE IS ONLY
POWER.

YOW!

WHAT A
GROUCH.

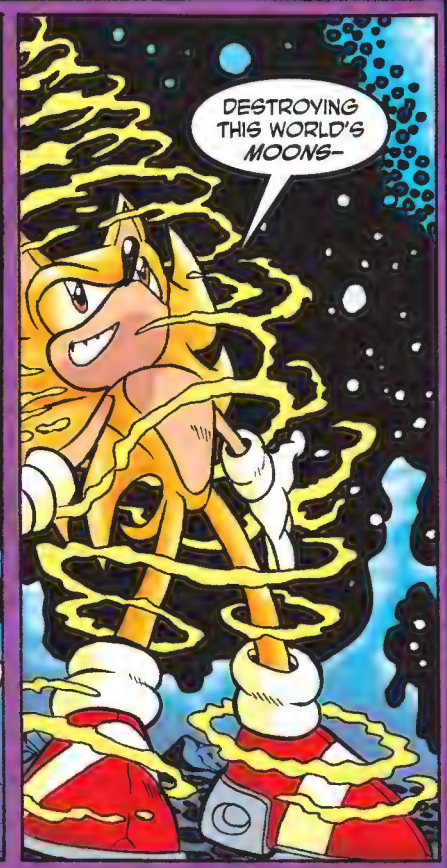
SHAZAM!



POWER
MEANT TO BE
EXPLOITED!



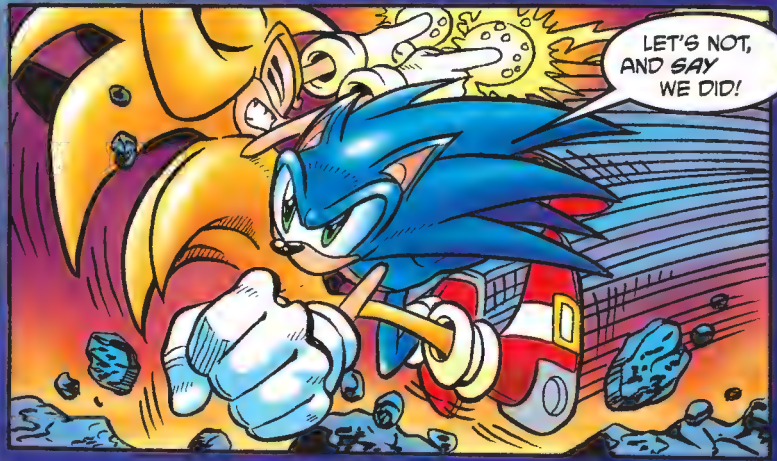
AND I
KNOW JUST HOW
TO DO THAT.



DESTROYING
THIS WORLD'S
MOONS-



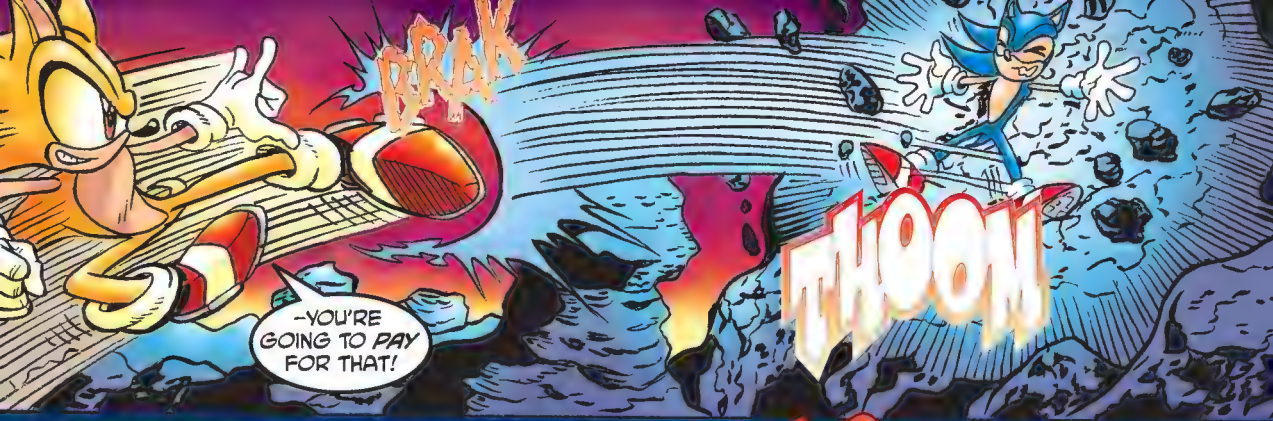
-IS SURE
TO JUMP START
GLOBAL CHAOS!



LET'S NOT,
AND SAY
WE DID!

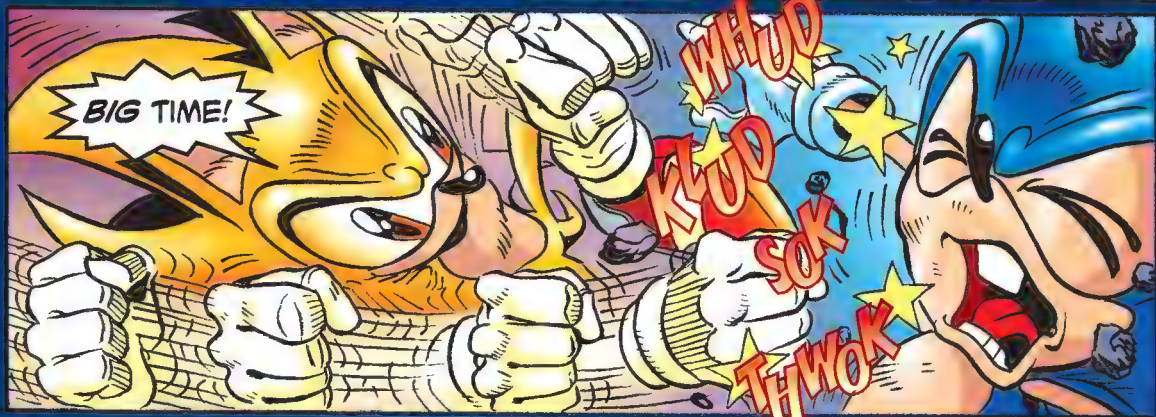


"CURSE YOU-"



-YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT!

THWON!



BIG TIME!

WHUD
KUD
SOK
THWOK



NOW, I'M READY TO PUT YOU OUT OF MY MISERY ONCE AND FOR-



NO!! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!



-SUPER SONIC'S EXISTENCE IS A TEMPORARY ONE AT BEST!

SEE YA, WOULDN'T WANNA BE YA!



THAT'S A SIDE OF ME I NEVER WANNA FACE AGAIN!

IT SEEMS THAT ON PLANET THORAXIA, AS WELL AS ON SONIC'S NATIVE MOBIUS-

"TOSSED IN SPACE" CONTINUES NEXT MONTH!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

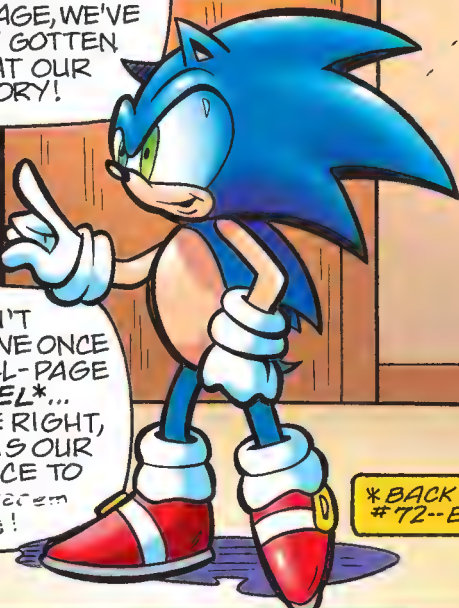


BETTER READ THAN DEAD



CHECK IT OUT! AFTER YEARS OF OUR CONFINED LITTLE CARTOON STRIP ON THE LETTERS PAGE, WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN A SHOT AT OUR OWN STORY!

DON'T FORGET, WE ONCE HAD A FULL-PAGE OFF-PANEL*... BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, JG-- THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE TO *gubling! sporem hexing!ing!*

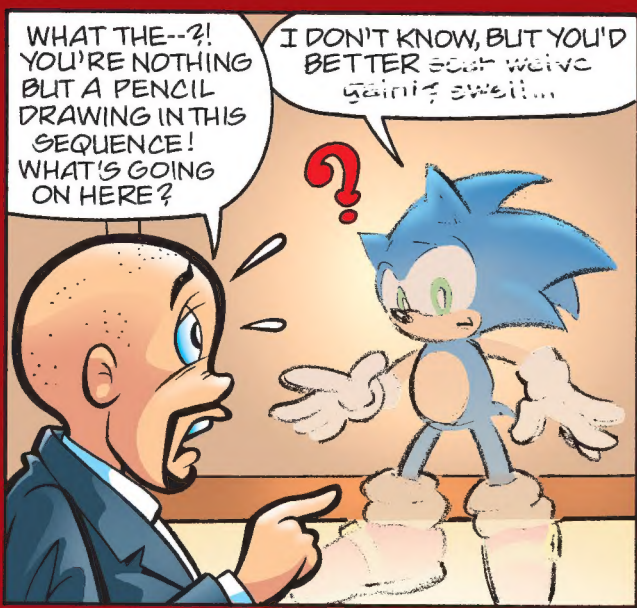


*BACK IN 5TH #72--EDITOR.

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR WORD BALLOON? THE LETTERING SEEMED TO FADE AWAY IN MID-*clon. swoom elv! mgt!*

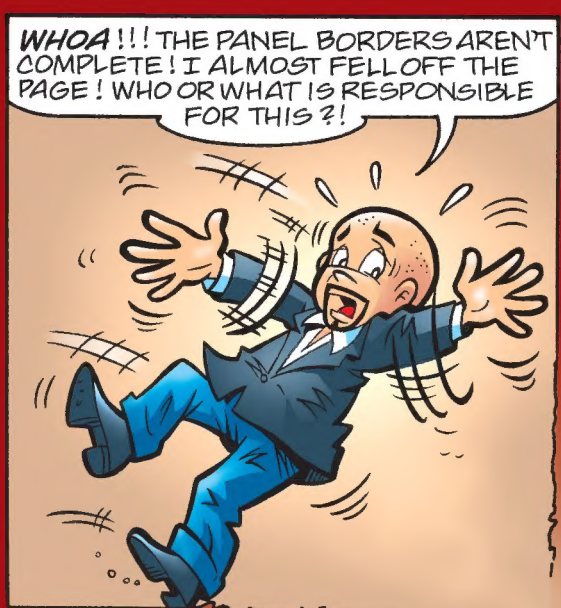


THAT'S NOTHING! LOOK AT THIS-- I'M NOT EVEN FULLY INKED!

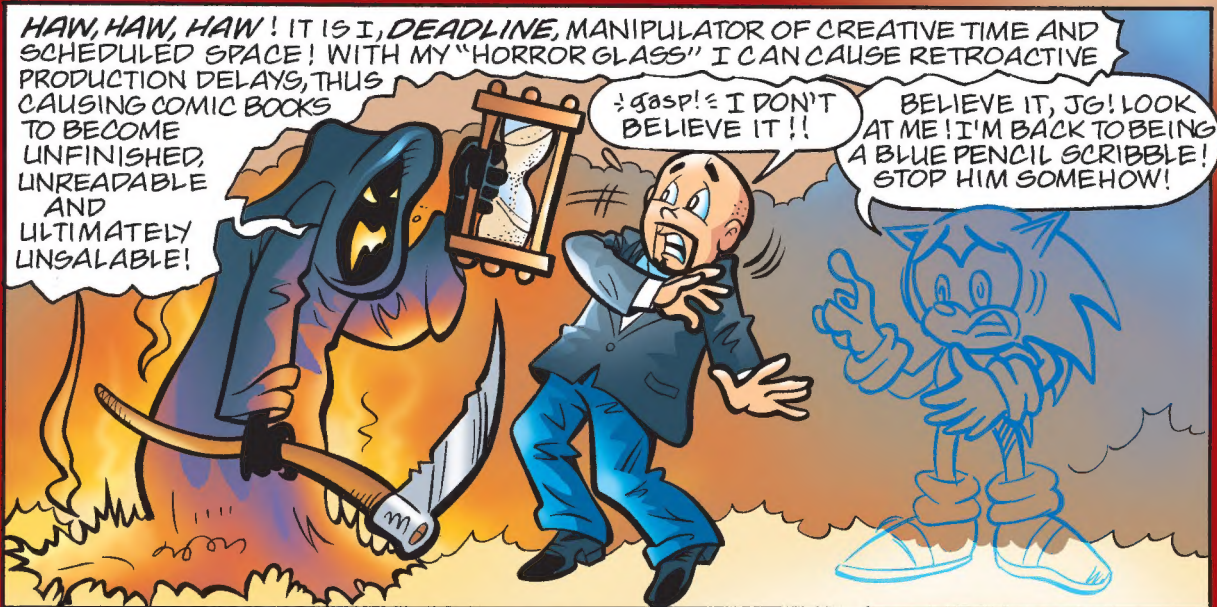


WHAT THE--?! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PENCIL DRAWING IN THIS SEQUENCE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU'D BETTER ~~soon~~ ~~we've~~ ~~gainig~~ ~~swell~~...



WHOA!!! THE PANEL BORDERS AREN'T COMPLETE! I ALMOST FELLOFF THE PAGE! WHO OR WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?!

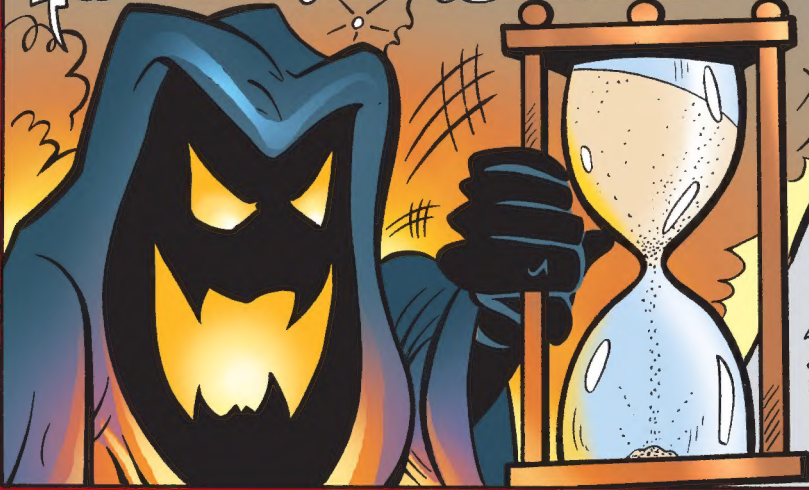


HAW, HAW, HAW! IT IS I, DEADLINE, MANIPULATOR OF CREATIVE TIME AND SCHEDULED SPACES! WITH MY "HORROR GLASS" I CAN CAUSE RETROACTIVE PRODUCTION DELAYS, THIS CAUSING COMIC BOOKS TO BECOME UNFINISHED, UNREADABLE AND ULTIMATELY UNSALABLE!

! gasp! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

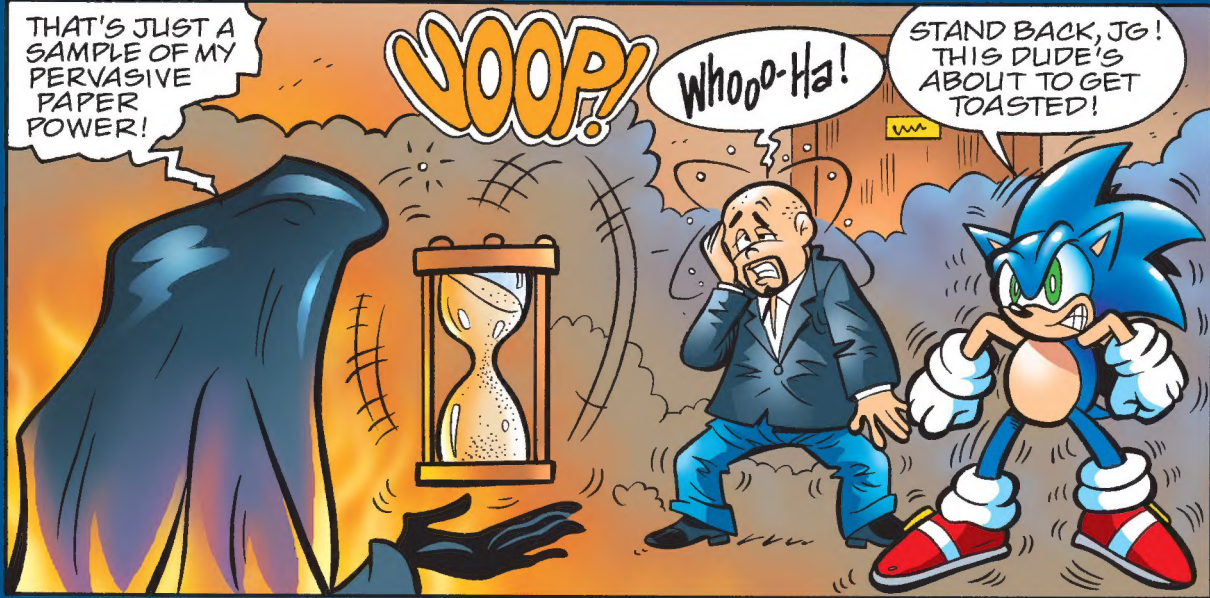
BELIEVE IT, JG! LOOK AT ME! I'M BACK TO BEING A BLUE PENCIL SCRIBBLE! STOP HIM SOMEHOW!

FOOLS! YOU CAN'T STOP ME! TO PROVE IT, I SHALL DEVOLVE YOU EVEN FURTHER BACK--TO THE POINT WHEN THIS STORY WAS MERELY A PROPOSED IDEA SUBMITTED AS A SYNOPSIS!



ZOING!

FROM THE DESK OF MIKE GALL
JUSTIN: Here's my idea for the OFF-PANEL five pager: it opens with you and Sonic looking at the logo in the ULHC of the title page and being excited about having a whole OFF-PANEL story. But strange things began happening... the lettering in word balloons is incomplete, figures aren't thoroughly inked, panel borders are unfinished, etc. Then the villain appears. His name is DEADLINE and he has the power to manipulate.
Mike

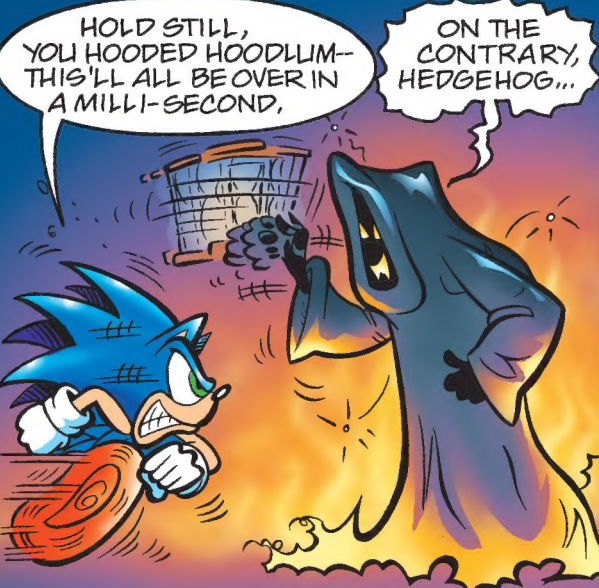


THAT'S JUST A SAMPLE OF MY PERVERSIVE PAPER POWER!

VOOP!

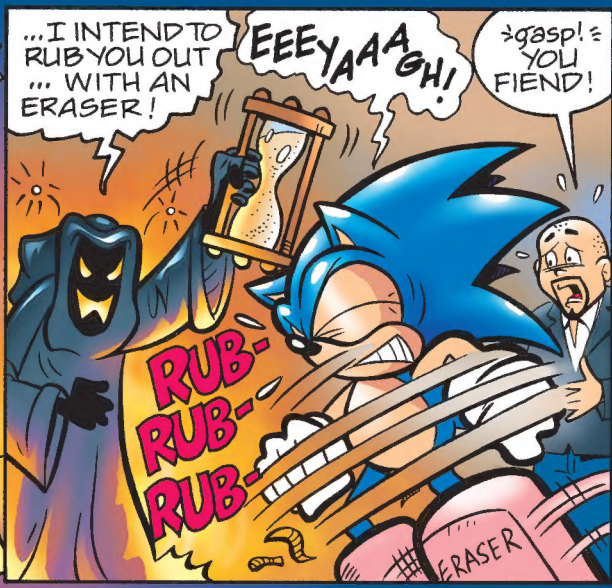
Whoop-Ha!

STAND BACK, JG! THIS DUDE'S ABOUT TO GET TOASTED!



HOLD STILL, YOU HOODED HOODLUM- THIS'LL ALL BE OVER IN A MILLI-SECOND,

ON THE CONTRARY, HEDGEHOG...



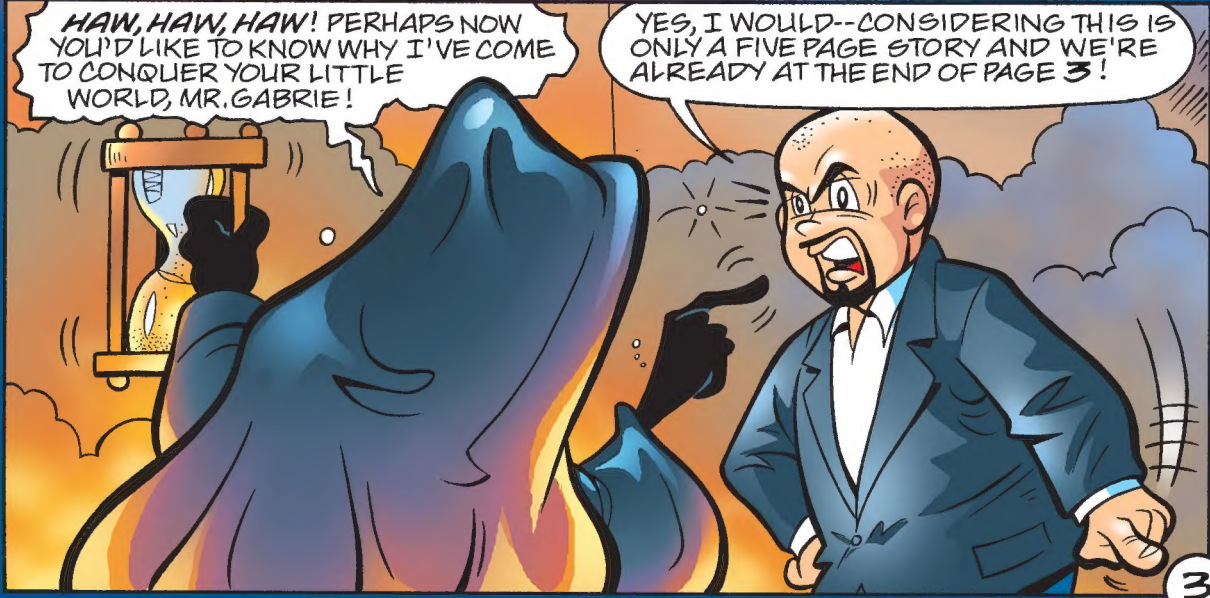
...I INTEND TO RUB YOU OUT ... WITH AN ERASER!

EEEYAAA GH!

gasp! = YOU FIEND!

RUB-
RUB-
RUB-

ERASER



HAW, HAW, HAW! PERHAPS NOW YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY I'VE COME TO CONQUER YOUR LITTLE WORLD, MR. GABRIE!

YES, I WOULD--CONSIDERING THIS IS ONLY A FIVE PAGE STORY AND WE'RE ALREADY AT THE END OF PAGE 3!

FOR YEARS NOW, I'VE BEEN SENDING YOU IDEAS AND DRAWINGS FOR STORIES IN YOUR COMICS... SONIC, KNUCKLES, SUPER SPECIALS, MINI-SERIES, ONE-SHOTS, GUEST APPEARANCES, CROSS-OVERS, NEW HEROES AND VILLAINS... BUT DID YOU EVER RESPOND?

NO!!

WAS THAT YOU? THE CLOWN WHO'S ALWAYS MAILING ME SUBMISSIONS WRITTEN IN CRAYON ON TORN CARDBOARD? YOU NEVER INCLUDE A RETURN ADDRESS! IT'S ARCHIE'S POLICY... IN FACT, ALL COMIC BOOK COMPANIES POLICY-- TO TRASH ANYTHING THAT COMES IN LIKE THAT... IT'S COMMON POLICY!



YOU DARE CALL MY CONCEPTS COMMON!?!? THE BRILLIANT PLOT WHERE MAMMOTH MOGUL JOINS THE FLEA CIRCUS?



MY TWELVE PART BACK-UP ADVENTURE WHEN KNUCKLES DISCOVERS HIS REAL FATHER IS ELVIS?!

THE SIX-ISSUE SERIES WHEREIN ROBOTNIK DANCES WHILE KNOTHOLE BURNS!?!?

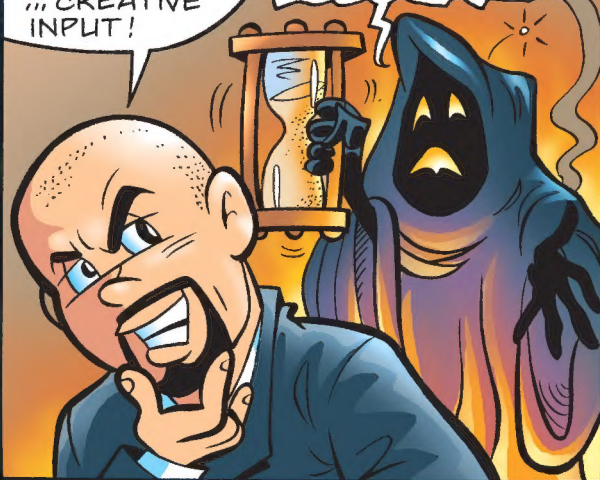


THOSE ARE AWFUL IDEAS! I CAN'T THINK OF ONE SONIC CREATOR THAT I'VE DEALT WITH OVER THE YEARS WHO'D BE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON SUCH DRIVEL!



AHA! THAT'S THE CLUE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR TO DEFEAT YOU, DEADLINE ... CREATIVE INPUT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I STILL HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY ORIGIN AND THE DISCOVERY OF MY HORROR-GLASS!



SORRY, PAL--YOUR TIME IS UP! I'M EDITOR OF THIS FEATURE AND WHAT I SAY GOES!

3 u!p! 2 N-NEVER! I WON'T RELINQUISH CONTROL!



I CALL UPON EVERY WRITER, PENCILER, INKER, LETTERER, COLORIST AND EDITOR WHO'S EVER WORKED ON THIS COMIC BOOK TO OVERWHELM YOU, DEADLINE! I HATE TO BE A NAME DROPPER, BUT...

NOOOOOO! I CAN'T WITHSTAND THE ONSLAUGHT OF TALENT!

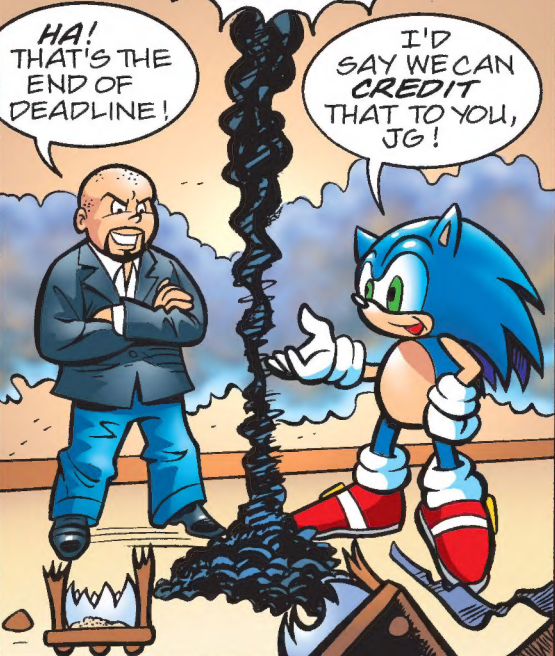
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- DAN NAKROSIS
- MINDY EISMAN
- CHRIS ALLAN
- MANNY GALAN
- SAM MAXWELL



POP!

HA! THAT'S THE END OF DEADLINE!

I'D SAY WE CAN CREDIT THAT TO YOU, JG!



WELL, IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO THE LETTERS PAGE, SONIC!

SPEAKING OF WHICH... *



* LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK, SONIC-GRAMMERS! WANT TO SEE ANOTHER OFF-BEAT OFF-PANEL STORY IN THE FUTURE? YOU KNOW THE DRILL--WRITE-ON!

THE END

